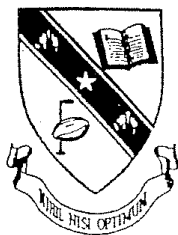


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Week Ending 21st August 2009

Kia ora Parents and Guardians

The steady flow of tradesman around the school has continued this week with the highlights being the installation of a heat pump in 'the fridge' (the students term for the Music room) and the lockers in H Block. Progress has been rapid thanks to the cooperation of Mike Rutherford and his team and we expect to be 'handing over' the lockers and the upgraded corridor next week. Other improvements – in the Foods room, the ICT room, staff offices and toilets – are not far away from completion and we will be putting the upgrade on display at our Open Evening which is scheduled for Wednesday September 9th between 5pm and 7pm.

As part of the revised curriculum, we have been considering the reporting process and this has been timely given the introduction of the National Standards in 2010 for Years 1 – 8, the introduction of the key competencies and our desire to build on goal setting and personalised learning across the school. We have talked to other schools about their patterns, considered your comments invited two weeks ago and the following is proposed for 2010.

Feb 1 – 12	Parent/Student/Form teacher goal setting in mini conferences with an e portfolio used to record goals etc.
Ongoing	Students will add samples of work to portfolio for sharing
March 29	All staff available in the gym to share assessment data results (Star, asTTLe) and discuss progress against goals set, key competencies, general work etc.
Ongoing	Students will continue to add samples of work to portfolio for sharing

June 14 – 18	Mid year conferences with sharing of portfolios, review of goals progress, resetting new goals etc as in recent years
December 10	Issuing of a final summative report for all students
End of each term	Reports issued for Year 7 & 8 modules and at half year, Year 9 modules

This would mean that the term 1 report issued this year would no longer be a part of our process but there would still be an opportunity to meet and talk with staff then. As always, we would also make contact if we had concerns at times other than these and we would hope you would do the same if you had concerns or questions. If you have any comment on the above, please don't hesitate to contact the school with your thoughts before we confirm the process.

Our visitors from Myojo returned home on Monday and thanks to all who assisted with their visit in one way or another. The group enjoyed fine weather and warm hospitality for their trip and are already planning the next trip in 2010!

Mufti day last Friday raised \$252.60 for the students chosen cause, the SPCA and the next mufti day will be on Friday September 18th which is 'loud shirt' day with funds going to the deaf. Recycling saw Hamilton take top honours with a great team effort led by the Whanau leaders and this week we have spun the wheel on our version of 'Wheel of Fortune'.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of the Science staff, two groups of students will be visiting the Oxford Observatory in the next fortnight. While it's great to see so many students keen to be involved, it's also great that we have staff prepared to give up their time

to organise and make the trip possible. We hope the sky cooperates and astronomy becomes a passion for some.

Good luck to those students singing in 'Leonard and the Lottery Ticket', a Mark Walton written and produced musical that is being performed in the Christchurch Town Hall this Saturday.

On a sporting note in a week in which school sport has been under the microscope for more reasons than one, congratulations to the Amuri Under 8 rugby team who went through the season unbeaten. Their effort highlighted a super season for Amuri teams and good luck to all involved in sporting prize-givings in the next week or so.

Next week on Wednesday we will be hosting Hurunui College for our annual sports exchange and games run between 12.20 and 2.35 with soccer, rugby and netball being played. Please feel welcome to come and watch games at school or at the rugby grounds.

Neil Wilkinson
Principal



ROLL OF HONOUR

C = Caverhill
H = Hamilton
M = Mitchell

	House
Anna Duncan	H
Katherine Brett	H
Elbert Alcantara	H
Hamish Bunt	C
Jonathon Schwass	M
Matthew Fleming	M
Jessica Macadam	M
Kelsey Norrie	M
Yeshneil Prasad	H
Bradley Price	C
Tom Rendel	M
Louise Schwass	H
Bryton Simpson	M
Jamie Summerell	H
Danileigh Todd	M
Dana Van Petegem-Gorrie	H
Zak Jenkins	M
Zoe Chappell	H

1ST MERIT CERTIFICATE

Jacob Simpson	M
Anna Duncan	H
Seb McCarthy	C
Yeshneil Prasad	H
Pacey Newall	C
Sophie Rutherford	M

2ND MERIT CERTIFICATE

Lee-Anne Alcantara	H
Georgia Benton	C
Emma Hartnell	H
Joshua Jones	C
Pacey Newall	C
Sophie Rutherford	M
Isabelle Ussher	M

LIVING SPRINGS KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Living Springs is having another kids camp in the next school holidays.

Living Springs Kids Holiday Camp
27th September - 1 October

Registration available by:

: emailing office@livingsprings.co.nz

: Phone Mel on 03 3299788

: at our website www.livingsprings.co.nz
under NEWS

Primary School News

This term we are learning about 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. In the next few weeks we look forward to welcoming Kerry from St John and Constable Kate. These two will educate us about their respective areas and how we would best cope in an emergency.

Kerry will be visiting next Thursday and while there is no cost a gold coin donation for St John would be greatly appreciated.

Waiau Cinema Presents

HOTEL FOR DOGS

Friday 28th August 2009

Time: 6.30pm

Duration: 1hr 40m



\$5 per person

Bookings on 315 6340

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 nd	Leonard and the Lottery Ticket Musical
26 th	Hurunui Exchange
29 th	CSS One Day Horse Trial
30 th Aug-3 Sep	SISS Netball Tournament
4 th	Lunchtime Activity-Karaoke
	2010 Senior Course Booklet Distributed
9 th	Open Evening 5-7pm
11 th	Lunchtime Activity-Y9-13 Talent Quest
	Senior Course Selections Close
14 th - 18 th	Work Experience Week
	Year 10-13 Exams
18 th	Lunchtime Activity-Y7&8 Talent Quest
21 st	Got to go Day - Y9 & 10
23 rd - 25 th	CASAFest
25 th	Lunchtime Activity-Y1-6 Talent Quest
	Term 3 Ends
12 th Oct	Term 4 Begins
Looking Ahead	
November 12 th	Teacher Only Day-SCHOOL CLOSED

REAL HEROES?

Comedy Show with Mayor Tim Shadbolt
and Gary McCormick

\$45.00

7:00pm, Friday 4 September
WAIATU COMMUNITY HALL

Drinks Available

Supper Provided

Tickets available from:

Grant and Emma Duncan
Phone: (03) 315 6510

Email: grantemma@clear.net.nz

Michelle Forbes
Phone: (03) 315 6219



HOUSE POINTS



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AIR FORCE MUSEUM of New Zealand

September – October Holiday Programme

Psst.... Hey YOU.... Yeah YOU.... Want to be a Spy these holidays?
Come along to the Air Force Museum's September School Holiday Programme **Spygames@Wigram** and you will get to.... attend a Secret Code Workshop, learn about Observation and Deduction in the 'Pacific', make a Secret Service Badge, learn Tracking Skills and carry out real-life Surveillance. Then use your new skills to complete a number of challenges in order to achieve your mission.

TIME: 8.30am – 3.00 pm DATES: 28-30 Sep, 1, 2 & 5-9 Oct AGES: 5-12 years,
COST: \$35 per day per child, or \$170 per week with NO added costs. Limited to 15 children per day and spaces will fill fast, so book today on (03) 343 9583 or programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz and be a Spy these holidays.



Yr 9-13's SOCIAL

Friday 11th September

Culverden Community Room
7.30- 10.30pm

Theme- Neon/Fluro

Ticket Cost= \$3 (NO Door Sales)
DJ

Refreshments available for
purchase

Tickets Available from:
Nicole Eastmond

For more information contact Sam Lynn on
0274271087 or email
sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz



Leadership Camp

Calling anyone interested in attending a 3 day leadership camp in December 09. You must be going into Year 12 or Year 13 next year and want to be involved in the Hurunui Youth Programme with particular focus on being a leader.

Spaces are limited so please express your interest now.

Stone Carving Sculpture Course

These school holidays enjoy a two day stone carving course taught by local artist Suzanne Emslie at her property in Hawarden Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th of October 10am-3pm

451 Medbury Road, Hawarden
Cost \$20 – includes stone and equipment
Spaces are limited so register now!

To register for these events or for more information please contact Sam Lynn on 0274271087 or email sam.lynn@hurunui.govt.nz